

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following claims for the pending claims with the same number.

1. – 37. (Canceled)

38. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling access to and tracking the routing of an electronic document, comprising:

embedding a control mark within an electronic document created by a document word processor, ~~wherein~~ such that when a body of the document ~~may be~~ is changed by the document word processor after the control mark is embedded in the document, the control mark remains embedded in the document without having to re-embed the control mark in the document, but and wherein the control mark cannot be changed or removed by means of the document word processor; and

~~monitoring~~ detecting transmitted network packets, ~~for detection of network packets~~ containing the electronic document, based on the control mark, in order to block access to the electronic document from unauthorized recipients.

39. (Currently Amended) The method of claim **38** further comprising logging an audit record of the transmission, when a network packet containing the electronic document is detected by said ~~monitoring~~ detecting, wherein the audit record stores information identifying a distribution route of the electronic document.

40. (Original) The method of claim **39** wherein said logging includes logging a date and time of the transmission in the audit record.

41. (Original) The method of claim **39** wherein said logging includes logging a destination of the transmission in the audit record.

42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim **38** wherein said ~~monitoring~~ detecting monitors network packets transmitted internally within an organization network.

43. (Currently Amended) The method of claim **38** wherein said ~~monitoring~~ detecting monitors network packets transmitted from within an organization network to outside of the organization network.

44. (Currently Amended) The method of claim **38** wherein said ~~monitoring~~ detecting monitors network packets transmitted to an organization network from outside of the organization network.

45. (Original) The method of claim **38** wherein the network packets are transmitted in response to an FTP download.

46. (Original) The method of claim **38** wherein the network packets are transmitted in response to an HTTP download.

47. (Original) The method of claim **38** wherein the network packets are transmitted in response to an Instant Messenger download.

48. (Currently Amended) A system for controlling access to and tracking the routing of an electronic document, the system comprising one or more tangible computer readable media collectively storing instructions encoding:

an auto-marking module for embedding a control mark within an electronic document created by a document word processor, ~~wherein~~ such that when a body of the document ~~may be~~ is changed by the document word processor after the control mark is embedded in the document, the control mark remains embedded in the document without having to re-embed the control mark in the document, but and wherein the control mark cannot be changed or removed by means of the document word processor; and

a traffic monitor for ~~monitoring~~ detecting transmitted network packets, ~~and for detection of network packets~~ containing the electronic document, based on the control mark, in order to block access to the electronic document from unauthorized recipients.

49. (Previously Presented) The system of claim **48** wherein the one or more media further store instructions encoding an auditor for logging transmission information in an audit record when a network packet containing the electronic document is detected by said traffic monitor, wherein the audit record stores information identifying a distribution route of the electronic document.

50. (Previously Presented) The system of claim **49** wherein said auditor logs a date and time of the network packet's transmission in the audit record.

51. (Previously Presented) The system of claim **49** wherein said auditor logs a destination for the network packet in the audit record.

52. (Previously Presented) The system of claim **48** wherein said traffic monitor monitors network packets transmitted internally within an organization network.

53. (Previously Presented) The system of claim **48** wherein said traffic monitor monitors network packets transmitted from within an organization network to outside of the organization network.

54. (Previously Presented) The system of claim **48** wherein said traffic monitor monitors network packets transmitted to an organization network from outside of the organization network.

55. (Original) The system of claim **48** wherein the network packets are transmitted in response to an FTP download.

56. (Original) The system of claim **48** wherein the network packets are transmitted in response to an HTTP download.

57. (Original) The system of claim **48** wherein the network packets are transmitted in response to an Instant Messenger download.

58. – 90. (Canceled)